



**VILLAGE COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 13, 2020
ASSEMBLY HALL
395 MAGNOLIA ROAD
PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA
4:30 PM**

The Pinehurst Village Council held a Regular Meeting at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 13, 2020 in the Assembly Hall of Pinehurst Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, North Carolina. The following were in attendance:

Mr. John C. Strickland, Mayor
Ms. Judy Davis, Mayor Pro Tem
Mr. Kevin Drum, Councilmember
Ms. Lydia Boesch, Councilmember
Ms. Jane Hogeman, Councilmember
Mr. Jeffrey M. Sanborn, Village Manager
Ms. Beth Dunn, Village Clerk

And approximately 10 attendees, 5 staff members, and 1 press.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Strickland, called the Village Council meeting to order.

2. Reports:

Village Manager

- Mr. Sanborn explained that the Village uses the Baldrige Excellence Framework, which is a program run by the Federal Government. An application was submitted after a long journey of almost 9 years of using the framework and we were one of nine organizations selected across the nation for a site visit. The site visit was completed last week. The process required us to look at all aspects of organizational excellence which leads to the achievement of our mission, quality of life. We should find out around November 16th if we won the award.

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- Mayor Strickland reminded everyone of the 3 W's, wear, wait, and wash. He attended a Partners in Progress meeting and will be forwarding Council a video of the commentary from that.
- Councilmember Hogeman stated the Holly Arts will be happening and was approved at limited capacity by the Moore County Health Department. She thanked everyone who helped organize this event. She and Councilmember Boesch have asked the Beautification Committee to put together a short list of projects that will be helpful as we prepare for USGA comes.
- Councilmember Drum stated he also attended the Partners in Progress meeting with area realtors and was informed there is a change to military housing regulations that could effect this area. He attended the TARPO meeting and was informed the formula for transportation funding has been changed and it doesn't favor us.
- Councilmember Boesch thanked Mayor Strickland for making them aware of the full page ad that the USGA purchased in the Pinestraw magazine. BPAC meet yesterday and they are going to prepare a report to Council of things they would like to see done in relation to the results of the Community Survey. Reminded everyone if you see something say something.

3. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda.

All items listed below are considered routine or have been discussed at length in previous meetings and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will be held unless requested by a member of the Village Council.

- Resolution to Honor David Sinclair.
- Approval of Village Council Meeting Minutes.
 - September 22, 2020 Regular Meeting
 - September 22, 2020 Work Session
 - September 22, 2020 Closed Session
- Budget Amendments Report

End of Consent Agenda.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Drum, Council unanimously approved the consent agenda, by a vote of 5-0.

4. Present Resolution to David Sinclair

Mayor Strickland presented David Sinclair, retired reporter for The Pilot, a resolution honoring him for his outstanding service and dedication in coverage of the Village of Pinehurst local government news. Mr. Sinclair thanked Council and staff

5. Discuss and Consider an Ordinance Amending Chapter 92 of the Village of Pinehurst Municipal Code.

Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager, stated that an ordinance has been drafted for Council's consideration to amend the Municipal Code as it relates to Chapter 92, Nuisances. Mr. Sanborn noted to these changes were drafted as a result of several Council work session to discuss amending Chapter 92 to make the noise violations more enforceable.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hogeman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, Council unanimously approved ordinance 20-13 amending Chapter 92, Nuisances; Environment Protection of the Village of Pinehurst Municipal Code, by a vote of 5-0.

6. Presentation of the FY 2020 Year End Financial Statements

Brooke Hunter, Financial Services Director, presented Council with the un-audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. The official presentation, of the audited financial statements, by Dixon Hughes will take place in December. Ms. Hunter explained the Village ended the fiscal year in a strong financial position with the fund balance above the Council's policy range, as planned, and debts at reasonably low levels. She stated that operating expenditures are in check and revenues are growing at a moderate pace, despite the impacts of the COVID-19 on our local economy.

Ms. Hunter stated that the Village's General Fund revenues exceeded expenditures by \$3,357,297, bringing General Fund fund balance to \$11,229,270 and the Village's outstanding debts decreased by \$299,000, or 68%, during the fiscal year. The total debt outstanding at June 30 was \$141,600 and total debt service for the year was 1.4% of budgeted expenditures. Sales tax revenue was \$129,000, or 2.7%, lower than budgeted; however, this revenue source increased in total when compared with the prior year.

Ms. Hunter explained that athletic and recreation programming fees were \$79,000 below budget due to program cancellations during the outbreak of the pandemic. Fair Barn revenue was \$70,000 below budget due to facility closures during the last four months of the year, which continued into the next fiscal year. Lastly, investment earnings were \$29,000 below budget as interest rates dropped near 0% by the end of March. Ms. Hunter explained that some of the decreases in revenue were offset by decreased expenditures as well, such as athletic and recreation programming cancellations that resulted in fewer operating expenditures and less seasonal staffing costs. The larger portion of the year-end variance can be attributed to expenditures being below budget. Overall operating expenditures represented 80% of operating revenues, a 6% decrease from the previous year. Ms. Hunter stated the Village anticipates some continued revenue decreases in the upcoming budget year due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; however, in some cases, these revenue reductions will continue be offset by a decrease in related expenditures.

Ms. Hunter stated that the Village added 189 new homes last year compared to 122 and 144 in the previous years. The Village has also seen significant commercial development over the past three years. Ms. Hunter noted that overall the Village ended FY 2020 better than expected and is well positioned to carry out the initiatives outlined in the FY 2021 SOP. The effects of COVID-19 on our financial condition in FY 2020 were less severe than we originally anticipated, and we are continuing to monitor the impacts as we

proceed into FY 2021.

7. Other Business.

No other business was discussed.

8. Comments from Attendees.

- Debbie Lalor, Pinehurst resident, thanked Council for the changes to the noise ordinance. She stated she is thrilled about the CMS traffic study on Highway 5 and asked if that has been schedule yet. She noted that residents are concerned with the intersections of McKenzie Road and Highway 5, Ritter Road and Azalea Road, Shaw Road SE and Highway 5. She stated that pedestrian traffic has increased downtown and suggested Council reduce the speed limit in the downtown area or install a flashing yellow light on Ritter Road.
 - Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager, stated the Village will be purchasing a software program called Street Light, which will help to monitor traffic in the area. He also stated that the flashing yellow light on Ritter Road has been suggested to NCDOT and they want to look at that area holistically when they look at the Highway 5 re-design.

9. Motion to Adjourn.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Drum, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the regular meeting, by a vote of 5-0, at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Dunn,
Village Clerk

A videotape of this meeting is located on the Village website: www.vopnc.org

Vision: The Village of Pinehurst is a charming, vibrant community which reflects our rich history and traditions.

Mission: Promote, enhance, and sustain the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors.

Values: Service, Initiative, Teamwork, and Improvement